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Cleared for take off

Staff Sgt. Anthony Sutton, 31st Force Support Squadron relocations and extensions counselor, reviews an Airman's deployment folder during a simulated deployment line June 21 as part of the Wyvern Talon exercise. The exercise tested the base's ability to deploy personnel for contingency operations. As a counselor Sergeant Sutton outprocesses Airmen for deployments at the military personnel center and ensures Airmen are eligible to deploy.

Flybys

31st SFS issues base access procedures

The 31st Security Forces Squadron recently issued procedures for military members to sponsor friends and family members who are either U.S. or non-U.S. passport holders:

- Military escorts for U.S. citizens must accompany their guests to the visitor control center located at Gate 7 (North Gate) and fill out an AF Form 75 for a three-day pass at maximum. All guests must have current passports and AF Form 75s on them at all times and remain with their escorts while on base.

- If guests require longer than a three-day pass or are non-U.S. passport holders, the military escort must contact the Large Vehicle Inspection Station gate to receive the entry authority list template. The escort must fill out all personal information for him/herself and the guest on the EAL and provide in detail a full request and explanation. The EAL requires squadron commander signature. Once the EAL is routed, the military escort must turn it into LVIS gate personnel, who complete the routing process through the Italian air force and will inform denial or approval of requests once background checks are complete.

- For more information, contact the visitor control center at DSN 632-4114. Its hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. The LVIS gate (DSN 632-7896) hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

31st FW celebrates Fourth of July

The 31st Fighter Wing celebrates the Fourth of July with a fun run, golf tournament, musical entertainment, multiple food vendors and fireworks. For the list of events and other activities, see page 13. Italian national friends and neighbors are invited to join the festivities. The entire party, the sponsor and the escorted individuals, must enter and exit together through the North Gate (Gate 7) on July 4 between 4 p.m. and midnight. All sponsoring individuals must also be with their guests while attending all events. For more information, e-mail avianocac@gmail.com.

For more announcements, visit www.aviano.af.mil and click on the "Community Briefs" link located under the Featured Links Tab on the right side of the web page.

Emergency Numbers

112- Carabinieri, Fire Department, Medical

911- On-Base emergencies (0434-30-8911 if from a commercial line)

0434-30-3100 - Command Post

DSN 632-3172 - Aviano Straight Talk Line
(0434-30-3172 if from a commercial line)

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What do you want to be remembered for?

By Maj. Doug Kuhn
31st Munitions Operations Squadron

We all remember our first days in basic training where we were exposed to military culture, customs and courtesies. Our military training instructors were unyielding in their coaching – ensuring each and every member of our flight was well-versed on everything from the chain of command and rank structure to the detail oriented tasks that were required of us every morning. Everyone was treated equally – we were all made aware of our own insignificance. After a few weeks of this ordeal, we graduated with a sense of accomplishment at having survived and headed into our futures thinking we have this military thing under control. Once we arrived at our technical training school we soon realized we were still at the bottom of the food chain. And yet again, we emerged with a sense of accomplishment for achieving another level of military training.

All this serves a purpose

Between the start of training and graduation, we each develop our own personal leadership style. Each of us has to develop this “personal leadership” – without it we couldn’t have succeeded or graduated. For some, this was the first time they had the opportunity to take on some responsibility. For others, this was a relatively easy transition. Personal leadership and responsibility are unique to each person but there are some common traits that have helped each of us succeed.

Reflect on great leaders or people you respect

What qualities do they have that you admire? You will find these folks actively practice personal leadership

in their decision-making. Internally, we have an innate set of standards by which we expect ourselves and others to follow. Promptness is always a good standard to follow. If your office opens for business at 7 a.m., shouldn’t your office already be open and shouldn’t the people in your office be ready and waiting to help beforehand? Or should customers have to wait for you to unlock the door as you juggle your coffee and donuts at 7 a.m. or a few minutes after? What kind of customer service are you providing, and what kind of personal leadership are you displaying?

Consider dress and appearance standards

While we may not know every line of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, we should all certainly know what standards apply and execute personal leadership by taking responsibility for our own image, and the image of the Air Force, when we put on our uniforms every morning.

On a broader scope, we are all part of the world’s greatest Air Force. It takes a team to accomplish the success of inspections, multiple training deployments and various contingency operations. It’s amazing what the 31st Fighter Wing has accomplished as a team this year. We have had such great success in our recent history and the next major inspection is coming up in the near future. We should view this as the next opportunity to garner world class results. To accomplish this, we have to remember attention to detail.

Personal leadership is just as important important during an inspection, as it is in day-to-day life. Something as simple as taking the time to pick up a piece of trash in a parking lot can go a long way. What do you want to be remembered for?

31st Fighter Wing Commander's Connection

The Commander's Connection program provides members of the Aviano Air Base community a direct avenue to the 31st Fighter Wing commander to address issues, complaints or suggestions.

31st Medical Group obstetric care

Every day, at all hours, the 31st Medical Group is working hard to take care of any pregnant patient who walks through its doors. As is the case in many small communities, rumors develop and over time, myths seem to take hold as the truth. In reality, the technicians, nurses, doctors and midwife are always waiting to deliver the next precious member of the Aviano family.

The 31st MDG would like to dispel some of the rumors that have been circulating regarding child birth at the 31st MDG obstetric or ‘OB’ wing. In 2010, 209 babies were delivered safely; and while it would be convenient, many deliveries do not occur during normal business hours.

Rumor: “If I go into labor after hours, I can’t deliver in Aviano.”

Fact: Services are offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In fact, 40% of the 31st Medical Group’s babies are delivered after normal business hours.

Rumor: “There’s a high likelihood that I will not be able to deliver in Aviano because they might be too busy and send

me to Pordenone.”

Fact: In the past 18 months, Labor & Delivery has only had to send one mother off-base for delivery due to capacity or facility issues.

Rumor: “I can’t get my epidural if I come in too late.”

Fact: It is rarely “too late.” Patients should ask their doctors about epidurals to understand the process. Over 85 percent of the 31st MDG’s patients receive an epidural during their labor.

Rumor: “If I am fewer than 36 weeks pregnant, I will be sent to Pordenone if I go in to labor.”

Fact: No matter how far along a woman is, she should call Labor & Delivery to be evaluated in the 31st MDG Hospital first. If she is in active labor and fewer than 36 weeks, it is safer for both mom and the baby to be transferred to an Italian hospital by ambulance.

Rumor: “Lots of pregnant women are sent to Italian hospitals to have their baby even if there is room at Aviano.”

Fact: In the past 18 months, only 28 patients have been referred to Italian hospitals due to high risk pregnancies.

The 31st Medical Group is dedicated to providing its patients the best care, anywhere. Services are offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to include nights, weekends and holidays. For concerns or questions about the above rumors or others you have heard, call the 31st MDG at DSN 632-5863 or Labor & Delivery multi-service unit at DSN 632-5866.



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- July 6** **Gardaland Amusement Park**
€59 • *Deadline: July 1**
- July 8-10** **French Riviera**
€189 • *Deadline: July 4**
- July 9** **Trieste and San Sabba Concentration Camp**
€49 • *Deadline: July 4**
- July 9** **Croatia by Boat (Food & Wine Included)**
€89 • *Deadline: July 4**
- July 13** **Bordano Butterfly House**
€39 • *Deadline: July 8**
- July 15-17** **Rome Overnight**
€179 • *Deadline: July 5**
- July 16** **Verona & Medieval Times**
€69 • *Deadline: July 11**
- July 16** **Croatia by Boat (Food & Wine Included)**
€89 • *Deadline: July 11**
- July 22-25** **Paris, the Ville Lumiere Versaille Castle**
€295 • *Deadline: July 5**
- July 23** **Croatia by Boat (Food & Wine Included)**
€89 • *Deadline: July 18**

*Deadlines are used to determine if a trip needs to be cancelled due to lack of participants. Sign ups may be accepted after the deadline has passed. Payment for ITT Trips can be processed with US Dollars or credit/debit card only.

Déjà Brew Coffee & Wi-Fi Café

0434-30-7487 | DSN 632-7487

Déjà Brew 16oz Travel Mugs only \$9.95!

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Try our new flavor shots! Valencia, toffee nut, peach and strawberry! Plus our new raspberry creamice will cool you off for the summer!

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Sponsoring someone on Base?

This class will prepare the sponsor with all the tools necessary to aid Airmen & families in-bound to Aviano. All sponsors must enroll newcomers in Right Start and AFI license testing is now online only.

Call the A&FRC for more information.

Remember, you don't get a second chance to make a first impression!

Airman & Family Readiness Center
0434-30-5407
DSN 632- 5407

Alpine Golf Course

0434-30-7386 | DSN 632-7386

Red, White, & Blue Tournament | July 4 | Sign-up by July 2 | 8 a.m. shotgun start
\$20 per person (does not include green/cart fee.)

Celebrate the 4th of July by participating in this four person Red Ball tournament. Prizes and a meal after the tournament. Sign up today!

4th of July Sale | July 2 - 4

In celebration of Independence Day the Pro Shop is offering you three days of great savings. Stop by the Pro Shop for discounts on all your favorite golf brands!

Free Ladies Lesson | July 5 | 10 a.m.

Interested in the wonderful game of golf? Free ladies lessons offered monthly. Sign up at the Pro Shop!

Golf 4 Kids | July 11 - 15 | 6 - 9 yrs: 8 - 9 a.m. | 10 - 13 yrs: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | \$99 each
Swing into summer with Golf 4 Kids! It's a youth player development program which makes learning the game easy and affordable, but most of all, fun! There will be four 5 day sessions this summer. Sign up today!

Get Golf Ready | July 18 - 22 | 4:30 - 6 p.m. | \$99 each | 8 person max.

Want to learn how to play golf? Here is your chance! Get Golf Ready is a 5 day instruction program geared towards adults new to the game, or the golfer that hasn't played in a while. Sign up today!

Aviano Lanes

0434-30-7487 | DSN 632-7487

Dollar Daze Specials | Every Sunday
until August 14

\$1 Game | \$1 Shoes | \$1 Fountain Drinks
\$1 Hot Dog

Each \$1 game gives you one entry to win. The grand prize is a 7 night cruise for 2 on Royal Caribbean plus \$1,000 allowance for travel | 2nd Place: \$500 cash prize plus 2 Apple iPads and an XBOX 360 with accessories, plus many more great prizes!

Outdoor Burger Burn

July 14 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Burgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks!

Disco Night | July 16 | 8 - 11 p.m.

Boogie down in cosmic style only \$40 per lane (6 person max.). Kick back to the 70's in Saturday night fever style.

Rent a Lane is back! Rent a lane for one month unlimited open bowling for only \$40 per lane.

Auto Hobby Center

0434-30-2277 | DSN 632-2277

Summer Servicing Package

A/C servicing, coolant drain, and refills. Get it as a package deal or individually, all summer long. By appointment only.

Military Spouse Deployed?

Visit the Airman & Family Readiness Center for an oil change voucher; valued at \$50.

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Go to www.31fss.com, click on the Sports and Recreation menu tab, and scroll down to Auto Hobby!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Email the Auto Hobby Shop at:
31fss.askautoqa@aviano.af.mil

Military Dining Halls

La Dolce Vita (Flightline)

0434-30-8206 | DSN 632-8206

Buon Appetito (Area 2)

0434-30-5166 | DSN 632-5166

Build Your Own Burger Bar

Every Tuesday | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ethnic Meals

Every Wednesday | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Buon Appetito (Area 2)

Dinner and a Movie

Every Monday | 5 - 7 p.m.

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Milan up close, personal

Story and photo by Cadet Molly Engle
U.S. Air Force Academy

My sister is on an exchange program this summer in Milan, so I decided to take the three hour and 40 minute train ride from Pordenone, Italy, to Milano Centrale to pay her a visit. The family who she is staying with agreed to give my friend Sarah and me an insider's perspective into this very busy city. Once there, we navigated Milan mainly by taking advantage of its subway station. Subway tickets are one euro, but if you plan on doing a lot of sightseeing, buy the daily pass for unlimited subway rides at only three euro a day – your feet will thank you later.

My sister's host family lives on the farthest of three rings, which characterize the expansion the city has gone through since its original founding. Each ring is actually an underground canal. Similar to Venice, the city's streets are built above water, but when it rains the water starts to overflow into the streets. Fortunately, it never rained during our weekend trip, but if the forecast looks questionable during your trip, plan to bring boots because the water can get knee deep in some areas.

Shopping and dining

Milan is famous for its fashion and extensive shopping district and the cost of living in the city is very high. However, there are some affordable shops on the outskirts of the main districts. The prices get gradually higher the farther in you travel, with the most expensive being in the center of the first ring. If shopping is your thing, head over to the amll - the high-ceilinged *Galleria Vittorio Emmanuelle*. If you want more vintage items, take the subway to the river on a Sunday afternoon and explore the huge open market. River Street is also lined with a plethora of restaurants to satisfy the hungry tourist.

When asked where the best eateries are, our host family noted that all of them offer delicious food, depending on what

you are looking for. If you are interested in bars, there are a few important things you should note: most bars charge more if you order at the table but it is acceptable to order at the bar and then eat at the table for a lower price. Also, tipping is illegal and happy hour means that drinks are usually 1 euro more expensive, but they include an all-you-can-eat buffet. Happy hour in Milan is from about 6 to 9:30 pm. It is also important to note that most shops generally close from 1 to 3 p.m. for *pausa pomeridiana* or afternoon break, unless you are in the very busy tourist locations.

Must-sees

Some important Milano attractions that every tourist must see include the colonnes, a series of ancient columns around which couples like to congregate for their romantic beauty. The AC Milan stadium is enormous, which appropriately characterizes the fervor of the fans here. Across the street from the soccer stadium is a horse track. You cannot miss Leonardo da Vinci's huge prancing statue in front. In town, near the statue of the Leonardo himself, you will find the Teatro alla Scala, a famous opera house. Also, the Castello Sforzesco is an impressive brick fortress with a large fountain by its entrance and an expansive park with running lanes and ponds in the back. If you travel to the other end of the park, you can get a good view of the Peace Arch, constructed in 1807 by Napoleon.

There are three beautiful churches that are most notable in Milan. The Duomo, the huge cathedral in the center of town, is the most famous. Visitors are able to travel up to the largest tower for a great view until 5:30 p.m.

Leonardo famous Last Supper painting is in the Santa Maria delle Grazie. However, since this masterpiece is so popular, you must book tickets a couple months in advance to see it.

Sant'Ambrogio's is another beautiful church, full of history. The church was built in honor of Saint Ambrose, a bishop of Milan and the patron saint of the city.

Whether you're planning a trip hoping to shop, sightsee, enjoy delicious food or watch a soccer game, you will find plenty to suit your tastes in Milan.

Military offices standardize customer service hours

By Staff Sgt. Julius Delos Reyes
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

To better care for service members and their families, 22 Aviano Air Base customer service centers are standardizing or adjusting hours of operation, most to a minimum of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning June 27.

“Customers expect agencies to be open during normal duty hours, and when they show up at an office only to find it closed, it’s frustrating,” said Brig. Gen. Scott Zobrist, 31st Fighter Wing commander. “Our customer service centers have recognized this and are standardizing their operating hours and eliminating these closures during the duty day in order to make their services more accessible.”

Thirteen offices will adjust hours to have face-to-face customer service at a minimum from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nine other offices across the base have changed their hours in other ways. Some organizations already surpass the minimum target of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will make no changes, while a few organizations, such as the Post Office, Commissary and Exchange, will retain existing customer service hours based on variables such as delivery schedules and desired shopping hours.

“The intent is to avoid situations where customers can’t get service during the day,” said General Zobrist. “It’s important to note that these expanded operating hours should bring significant improvements in service accessibility for customers, but I also expect some temporary challenges in re-designing work-flows so that each office can accomplish its various missions and training efficiently while offering

expanded customer service hours.”

Customer service providers have already been working plans to implement and adopt the change.

“The 31st Mission Support Group Airmen are up for the challenge of these new hours,” said Col. Brian Pukall, 31st MSG commander. “Our professionals are quite passionate about providing the best customer service possible because they know how important their functions are to the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base’s mission partners and our families. Undoubtedly, this change will drive innovative training solutions, which will ensure they remain at the top of their game.”

With the standardization of customer service hours across the base, Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Craver, 31st FW command chief, asked customers to be patient as organizations transition into their new hours of operation.

“As we expand and standardize our customer service across the wing, customers should remember that the folks who are serving us are our teammates,” said Chief Craver. “Just as there is a need for continuous improvement in customer service, there is an equal need for prepared, courteous, and appreciative customers.”

Customers are encouraged to use tools such as Interactive Customer Evaluation “I.C.E.” and customer comment forms to provide feedback, including positive feedback, on these changes and customer service in general, so that the base can continuously improve service.

For a complete list of customer service hours that includes the recent changes and updated phone numbers, click the orange button for “Phone/Hours” at the home page www.aviano.af.mil under Quick Links on the right.



Aviano members participate in coalition exercise

Maj. Kevin Webb, 31st Medical Group anesthesiologist, administers anesthesia to a patient in preparation for a simulated surgery during the 2011 Medical Training Exercise in Central and Eastern Europe live exercise June 11. An annual Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-sponsored regional and multilateral exercise, MEDCEUR is designed to provide medical training and operational experience in a deployed environment for U.S. and partner nations.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Nadine Barclay

SecAF visits Airmen at Aviano

**Story and photo by Senior Airman
Katherine Windish**

31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley visited the 31st Fighter Wing June 16-17 to meet with Airmen and wing leadership here and tour the installation and its facilities.

During his visit, the secretary received briefings on the wing's mission and operations, dined with junior enlisted Airmen, conducted an Airmen's call for base personnel, and participated in the graduation of Class 11-B from Aviano Air Base's Airmen Leadership School.

Following several briefings, including updates on contingency support to Operation Unified Protector, he shared lunch with Airmen at the base's La Dolce Vita Dining Facility, during which he and his staff discussed issues affecting Airmen. Topics included quality of life for dormitory residents, deployments and health care.

After additional stops around the base, the secretary then addressed Team Aviano during an Airmen's call. He told attendees that he was pleased with his first visit to the base and the work going on here.

"You have an outstanding team here," the secretary said. "I've been very impressed with what I have seen here today. You all deserve to be very proud of the missions that you continue to accomplish at this important location."

"Thanks for all you do to ensure that the 31st Fighter Wing is ready to respond anytime, anywhere," Secretary Donley added.

During his remarks, he highlighted the 31st Fighter Wing's achievements, to include its support of U.S. Central Command operations with deployed personnel and combat capabilities, its partnership capacity building within U.S. European Command, and the wing's performance during Operation Odyssey Dawn under U.S. Africa Command leadership.

"During Odyssey Dawn, the 31st excelled as the lead wing for fighter aircraft and in a time of urgent need you began executing combat operations in less than a week," Secretary Donley said. "It was a very, very impressive generation of combat capability...and Team Aviano deserves enormous credit for this successful effort."

Following the secretary's comments, he invited Airmen to present questions or concerns. He fielded queries about health care, budget cuts, physical training requirements, guard and reserve capabilities, technology and modernization of the force.

"I'm confident that we will be able to maintain our place as the world's finest Air Force despite our fiscal challenges," he said, responding to concerns about recent and future Defense Department budget cuts.

The secretary concluded the Airmen's call by commending the 31st Fighter Wing for a job well done and credited the people here who work so hard.

"Thanks for all of the things you are doing out here through the 31st [Fighter Wing] and all of the things you do at Aviano," said Secretary Donley. "Thank you for



Airman 1st Class Erika Raissa Pankratz, 603rd Air Control Squadron surveillance technician, listens as Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley discusses health care and budgetary issues during a lunch with Airmen at the La Dolce Vita dining facility on Aviano Air Base, Italy, June 16, 2011.



Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley shakes hands with Mary Mitchell, 31st Fighter Wing protocol specialist, before departing Aviano Air Base, Italy, June 17, 2011.

being such strong members of a team: supporting three combatant commanders from one location."

"It's an amazing operation to put all this together - to in a sense become a joint base, to become a coalition base, on such short notice," he said. "You've worked some real miracles out here. It's an honor to serve with you in the world's finest Air Force."

Later that day, the Secretary addressed family members, friends, supervisors and other guests of graduates at a graduation ceremony for Aviano's Airmen Leadership School.



4th of July Celebration

See you at Freedom Park!

DAYTIME EVENTS

- 0800 Poker 5K Run (Dragon Fitness Center)
0800 Red, White & Blue Golf Tournament
1030 Chiefs vs. Eagles Game (Diamond #4)

KIDS FUN ZONE (Near Ballfields)

- 1800-2130 Water Slide, Bouncy Castle, Climbing Wall

FEST TENT ACTIVITIES

- 1800-1845 USAFE Brass Quintet
1900-2000 Base Side Band (Cover Band)
2000-2045 Marina's Country & Western Dancers
2100-2200 Ticket Band (Classic Rock)
2205 31 FW/CC Comments
& Count Down
2210-2235 Fireworks



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Sounds of summer: Hot music concerts rock Tuscany

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Summer time is a great chance to catch outdoor music concerts. Tuscany hosts a variety of music festivals that are bound to appeal to many different tastes.

Lucca's Summer Music Festival runs until July 21 in Lucca, Italy, which is 30 minutes from Camp Darby. Some of the top shows include:

July 14 - Elton John

July 15 - Joe Cocker and B.B. King

July 18 - Ben Harper

July 19 - Liza Minnelli

July 21 - James Blunt

To learn more www.summer-festival.com.

Tuscany International Festival hosts the 9th Battle of the Bands which runs July 6 through 9 in Piombino, Italy. It's your chance to check out Italy's emerging bands competing for top honors. More information can be found at www.festivalativo.it.

Estate Fiesolana runs through July 28 in Florence, Italy. This summer music festival concentrates on classical music and jazz. For full program visit www.estatefiesolana.it

The 32nd Annual Pistoia Blues Festival runs July 8-10 in Pistoia, Italy. Top performers include:

July 8- Skunk Anansie

July 9- Ray Manzarek and Robby Krieger of The Doors

July 10- Lou Reed

Complete lineup and how to get tickets can be found on www.pistoiaiblues.com

The 9th Annual Tuscan Sun Festival runs July 30 - Aug. 7 in Cortona, Italy two hours from Camp Darby. This music festival is geared towards those who enjoy world class concerts, wine and culinary events and wellness classes. Opening night will be Tangos with legendary Pianist Martha Argerich will perform on July 30. For those not on a budget, on July 30 is the Masters of Wine tasting and lecture with James Suckling in Michelin-starred restaurant Relais il Falconiere. Sharon Stone and Jermey Irons will host an evening of seduction, smoke and music centered on the love story of Chopin and George Sand on Aug. 4. More information can be found on www.tuscansunfestival.com

Vox Mundi Festival runs Aug. 1-6 in Magliano, Italy two and a half hours from Camp Darby in the Grosseto Province. If you like world and folk music, this festival is for you. Learn more on

www.voxmundifestival.org

Puccini Festival runs July 22- Aug. 27 in Torre del Lago, Italy twenty minutes from Camp Darby showcasing La Boheme, Madame Butterfly and more. Visit www.puccinifestival.it

The Siena Jazz Summer Workshop runs July 24- Aug. 7 in Siena, Italy two and a half hours from Camp Darby. In addition to a summer series of jazz concerts, it is a chance for young jazz musicians to take classes with world renowned jazz musicians. The workshop will accept 120 students with experience in jazz ensembles. Learn more on www.sienajazz.it

Where to stay

There's a lodging option for all budgets at Camp Darby: Sea Pines Lodge, Sea Pines Log Cabins and Camp Darby campgrounds complete with electricity, water points, picnic tables, barbecue grills, and shower facilities. Call DSN 633- 7225 or e-mail sea_pines_lodge@eur.army.mil to make your reservation.



Visit the Camp Darby website at <http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil/>

Camp Darby is a military complex between Pisa and Livorno and was formally dedicated on Nov. 15, 1952. It was named Camp Darby in memory of Brig. Gen. William O. Darby, Assistant Division Commander of the 10th Mountain Division, who was killed by enemy artillery on April 30, 1945, on the shore of Lake Garda, Italy.



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Arts & Craft Center

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July Saturday Special: 20% off all 12x12 paper

New Class!

Stained Glass: Copper Foil Technique | Starts August 1

Class runs for 4 consecutive Mondays from 4 - 6 p.m.

Learn the stained glass technique developed by Louis Comfort Tiffany in the 19th Century. Among the topics covered are preparing a pattern, glass cutting, foiling, soldering, and application of patina. The class project is an 8" X 10" Victorian floral panel. \$100 - includes all materials and use of tools.

Classes Galore!

Drawing, painting, beading, photography, crochet, card making, hair bows, no-sew tutus, PhotoShop, stained glass and picture framing. Check out our webpage on www.31fss.com for complete class calendar.

Summer Craft Camp

There's no limit to the beauty a child can create when given some instruction along with artistic freedom. New creative projects each session.

Monday - Friday | Ages 7-10: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages 11 - 15: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Sign up now, classes fill up FAST!

Session 2: July 25 - 29 | Session 3: August 22 - 26

Fees: \$ 50 per session

NEW! Readymade coin holders and shadow/ flag boxes available in the Engraving Shop. Great for gifts and awards!

2010 Air Force Arts & Crafts Gallery Showcase

Get those creative juices flowing and prepare now to submit your artwork, crafts and photography. The Arts and Crafts Center will be accepting entries throughout August and September for the 2011 Air Force Arts & Crafts Gallery Showcase. Photographs of all submissions will be forwarded to HQ USAFE. Selected entries will be forwarded to HQ AFSVA and shown on the Air Force Gallery website. There are two categories: artist-craftsman and photography, and three age groups: Youth, 6-12; Youth, 13-17 and 18+ for Adults.

Fitness & Sports Center

0434-30-7459/7574 | DSN 632-7459/7574

Discontinuation of Large Towel Service

Service ends Monday, July 11

We recognize the value towel service has provided over the years; however, this service is an expensive option our Air Force can no longer afford due to dwindling budgets and manpower reductions.

The Fitness Center will still offer the small hand towels.

We appreciate you stepping up and bringing your own towel as we continue to do our best to help drive efficiencies for our Air Force!

AFAA APEX Course

Certification courses to become a fitness instructor. Order your books now! Sign up to become an instructor in the following areas: basic, step, etc. All classes are only \$99!

Poker Fun Run

Monday, July 4 | Dragon Fitness Center | Check in 7 a.m. | Start 8 a.m. Call TSgt Michael Harris for details.

Looking for Fitness Instructors to teach spin, aerobics, prenatal, mom-n-tots, family fitness, yoga or pilates. Must be certified and have current CPR. Contact Julie Langager or SSgt Patao.

Are you active duty and need assistance passing your PT test? You are eligible for 10 free personal training sessions! Contact Trenity Middleton at 632-7459 to schedule an appointment.

Community Center

0434-30-5479 | DSN 632-5479

Summer Fun Bingo Bash

July 15 | 2 - 5 p.m.

Six games, \$6 per adult, \$4 per child.

Escape the summer heat with fun the whole family can enjoy!

Drum Workshops

July 18 - 22 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 7 - 18

Performance at 5 p.m. on July 22 | Sign up by July 14

August 15 - 19 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Performance at 5 p.m. on August 19 | Sign up by August 10

\$90 per student | \$10 additional cost for drumsticks

Hip Hop Workshop

July 19 - 23

Ages 7 - 12: 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Ages 13 & up: 2 - 4 p.m.

Performance at 6 p.m. on July 23 | Sign up by July 14

\$90 per student

GLEE Workshop

August 1 - 12 (Mon.-Fri.) | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages 11 - 18 | \$105 per student

Performance at 6 p.m. on August 12

Musical Theater/Broadway Dance Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Ages 6-12: 5 - 6 p.m. | Ages 12 & up: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

\$45 per student

Sign up at the Community Center!

Salsa/Merengue/Bachata

Mondays | 6 - 7 p.m.

Spice up your life!

Country 'n Western

Mondays | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Kick up some fun! Two Step & Line Dancing

Free Weekly Event

Movies | Every Thursday | Showtime 6:30 p.m.

July 7: "Black Swan"

July 14: "Little Fockers"

Area 1 CDC

0434-30-8246 | DSN 632-8246

Give Parents a Break (GPAB)

July 15 | 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Children must be 6 weeks - 5 years old.

GPAB referral registrations - no charge

Other option availability - \$13

Registration deadline: July 13

Parents Day Out

August 20 | 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Cost: \$13

Do you need some time to run errands on Saturday? Parents Day Out is designed for just that! Sign-ups will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Human Resources

0434-30-5747 | DSN 632-5747

Current Job Openings

Check out the jobs currently open with the Force Support Squadron! Auto mechanics, veterinary technician, custom-made frame worker, recreation assistants, cooks, child and youth program assistants, waiters, custodial workers, food service workers, recreation aids, clerks, cashiers, and bartenders.

Log on to www.nafjobs.org today!



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Have a SmartPhone with a QR Code reader app? Take a snapshot of the code to the left to go directly to our website!



31st Force Support Squadron Programs & Events

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La Bella Vista Club

0434-30-4303 | DSN 632-4303

Bingo | Tuesdays | 7 - 10 p.m. | LBV Ballroom | 15 games total

The 15th game winner will be entered to win the monthly prize!

One pack of 15 cards (6 plays per card) - \$25

Additional packs - \$25 | Non-Member Fee - \$5

*No outside food or beverage allowed during bingo. Our bar menu is up and operating!

Rock Band 3 & Wings | Wednesdays | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | LBV E'Lounge

We've got Rock Band 3 with over 540 songs to choose from. This event is catered for adults 18 & up, but teenagers aged 13 & up are allowed with parental supervision. All you can eat wings at the bar, only \$5 for LBV members and \$8 for non-members!

Mongolian Dinner | Wednesdays | 5:30 - 8 p.m. | LBV Ballroom

Choose your own ingredients and our awesome kitchen staff takes care of the rest. Relax with your family and let us handle the dirty work.

Texas Hold'em | Thursdays | 7 - 10 p.m. | LBV E'Lounge

It's back and better than ever, with brand new professional tables and an easy to manage automated program!

\$20/Member | \$30/Non-Member

Karaoke | Fridays | 9 p.m. | LBV E'Lounge

Come and partake in the madness! Drink specials, late nights, and lots of singing!

Xtreme Dance with DJ Whisperwish | Saturdays | 10 p.m. | LBV E'Lounge

It's the best of electro, techno, industrial, metal, rock, hip-hop, and more!

Airman & Family Readiness Center

0434-30-5407 | DSN 632- 5407

Pre-Separation Briefing | July 5 | 1 - 3 p.m.

By law, all transitioning military personnel are required to receive pre-separation counseling no later than 90 days prior to separating from active duty. During pre-separation counseling, you will learn about your benefits and rights, as well as the services that are available.

Reintegration Briefing | July 6, 11 & 13 | 9 - 9:30 a.m.

The reintegration process is designed to assist Airmen and family members who have endured hardships and sacrifices associated with deployment. It is a collective effort from base agencies to effectively reintegrate the members into the home front, work center, and the community.

Sponsorship Training | July 6 | 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

All first time active duty sponsors and those who have not had training in over a year are required to attend sponsorship training. The training reviews the basic requirements of sponsorship and provides useful resources to better assist the newcomer.

Pre-Deployment Briefing | July 6 & 13 | 1 - 2:30 p.m.

This class is required for all those going TDY or deploying for more than 30 days and will fulfill your pre-deployment checklist requirement.

Volunteer Orientation | July 8 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Are you interested in volunteering in the Aviano community, meeting new people or learning new skills? Would you like to know more about where to start? The Volunteer Orientation Class may be for you!

TAP Workshop | July 11 - 14 | 8 - 5 p.m.

The 4 Day TAP workshops are conducted by trained Department of Labor facilitators. Participants will learn to write effective resumes and cover letters, interviewing techniques and successful job search methods.

Money Matters | July 12 | 2 - 3:30 p.m.

This money management class includes goal setting, financial planning, credit reports and debt management. Individuals leave the class with important tools necessary to become financially sound.

Smooth Move | July 15 | 8:30 - 10: 45 a.m.

Provides a consolidated 2-hr briefing of relocation services brought to you by Wing agencies such as AMC, TMO, Household Goods, Finance, Housing, Legal, etc. and equips you with all the information you will need for a smooth move PCS from Aviano AB, Italy.

Flightline CDC

0434-30-5117 | DSN 632-5117

Parent's Night Out

July 8 & August 5 | 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

6 weeks - 5 years | Cost per child: \$13

Deadline to register is July 6.

A light snack will be served.

Clothing Drive

Now through July 27

Please donate your unneeded children's clothing to the CDC for use in the classrooms. Anything not used will be given to the community. We will have a collection site in the lobby, you may also donate directly to your child's classroom.

*This also applies for Area 1 CDC.

Youth Programs

0434-30-7575 | DSN 632-7575

Teens Lock-In Max Out

July 22 - 23 | 9 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Ages 13 - 18

Take the Air Force Challenge and become stronger than yesterday!

Registration Fee: \$15 Members | \$20 Non-Members

Registration deadline: July 20

Outdoor Soccer

July 5 - July 8 | Cost: \$45 Members \$55 Non-Members

Priority registration for members, age 9+

and open registration for ages 3-8.

July 11 - 15 | Open registration all ages

We are taking volunteer coaches for youth soccer, anyone who is interested please pick up a packet at the Youth Center.

Outdoor Recreation

0434-30-8623 | DSN 632-8623

The Aviano Swimming Pool is open to the public!

Pool Passes are on sale now and can only be purchased at the pool! LBV Club members receive a discount.

Swim Lessons

Sign-up at the base swimming pool today!

Education Center

0434-30-5330 | DSN 632-5330

Effective July 1, 2011

ASVAB/AFCT Testing: 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

AFOQT Testing: 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

For more info or to schedule testing, call 632-5465.



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